

DEPARTMENT • 7

DAIRY CATTLE

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RULES

See General Rules, Regulations & Health Requirements online at <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/rules-regulations>

Enter online at <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/forms-registration>

-- ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

-- ENTRIES CLOSE NOVEMBER 2, 2023

1. **Application for Entry:** All applications for entry must be made online and in accordance with all General Rules, Regulations, and Health Requirements. The open entry fee is \$20 per animal and must accompany the online application for entry. In all cases the right is reserved to reject entirely, or accept conditionally, an entry or applications for entry. Animals to compose a competitive group need not be named for entry but will be selected for exhibit from among the individual entries.
2. **Ownership: To be eligible for competition, whether singly or in groups, animals must be bona fide property of the exhibitor at the date entries close as evidenced by their registration paper issued by their U.S. Breed Association.** No photostats or other copies will be accepted, only originals. Pending transfers will **not** be accepted. Facsimile copies of registration papers will be accepted if sent directly from the National Breed Association to Show Management and received no later than the end of check-in. All registration certificates will be checked by the management before the animal may enter the judging ring. Exhibitors are advised to keep registration certificates available at all times until the judging of the respective breed is completed.

If a herd is registered in the name of different members of a family and/or employees of the farm owner, these persons may enter the show as individual exhibitors, or they may combine their entries and be considered one exhibitor. Animals not owned by family members or employees of the farm owner may also be included in the Herd Unit if they are:

(A.) Under the exclusive care and management of the herd owner, **and,**

(B.) Housed, health tested, and production tested with the owner's herd for the six months immediately preceding the show. In order to qualify as a "Herd Unit" under this rule, all animals must be tested under one ownership or as one farm unit. Once the "Herd Unit" option is adopted, all animals entered from the farm must be shown under the "Herd Unit." However, each individual owner must submit a separate entry blank.

A list of names of all individuals owning animals included in the "Herd Unit" and the name of the "Herd Unit" must be submitted with the application for entry and will be considered as one exhibitor throughout the show. When the "Herd Unit" option is elected, all animals owned and exhibited by any member of the unit must be shown under the "Herd Unit" entry. This decision is final on the closing date for entries (November 2, 2023). If the "Herd Unit" is adopted, the 4-H and FFA animals become a part of the "Unit" and are subject to the limitations of 15 head per exhibitor regardless of breed. If the "Herd Unit" option is elected, an animal owned by any person in the group may be substituted for one owned by any other person in the group **within breed**. The animals in the "Herd Unit" may be combined to form an Exhibitor Herd and to earn credits for PREMIER EXHIBITOR. **PREMIER BREEDER points will be allotted according to the exact prefix of each animal shown.** However, the group will be limited to two premiums per open class and one entry per group class.

3. **Partnership Animals:** Animals owned in partnership or syndicate must be entered in partnership or syndicate named as a separate exhibitor, and one owner must be a resident of Pennsylvania and the animal housed and B.A.I. tested in Pennsylvania. The "Herd Unit" option applies to partnership or syndicate animals only when all members of the partnership or syndicate are from the same farm.
4. **Assignment of Space:** The available room for dairy cattle is limited. Space will be reserved for exhibitors in the order in which applications are received based upon date and time of postmark or computer time stamp for online registrations. An exhibitor may not enter more than 15 animals, regardless of breed, from any one herd as tested under one farm name by BAHLS, including 4-H and FFA, but may show an unlimited number in any class.
5. **Animals Entered and Not Shown:** A penalty of \$100.00 per animal will be assessed to the owner for each dairy animal entered and not exhibited (shown) at the Farm Show. Entries cancelled on or before December 22, 2023, will cause forfeiture of entry fees without penalty. In **extreme or unusual** circumstances, a written appeal of the assessment of the penalty or vet excuse will be considered if received by the Farm Show Manager on or before January 16, 2024.
6. **Arrival & Release:** Dairy Cattle may arrive after 3:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, and must be in place by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. All animals will be released at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2024. Any exhibit removed prior to the listed times without Show Management approval will result in forfeiture of **all** premiums.

7. **Substitution:** Substitutions within a breed and within or between classes are permitted after closing date of entries. The exhibitor must submit an application for entry of the substitute animal and indicate which animal is being replaced. Applications for substitutions must be submitted to the Farm Show Manager no later than the time entries are checked in by the breed superintendent.
8. **Erroneous Entry:** Exhibitors who have been erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the Show Manager, be transferred to their proper classes prior to the judging. If such classes have been judged, they shall not be reopened. In no case shall the management be responsible for an alleged loss due to erroneous entry.
9. **Catalog Number:** Each entry will be assigned a number. On their arrival at the show, exhibitors will receive an entry number(s) that must be displayed by attendant when animals are in the show ring.
10. **Care of Animals:** Exhibitors are responsible for the transportation and the care of their animals during the exhibition.
11. **Grooming:** Use only grooming products that are approved for use on meat- and milk-producing animals when fitting any animal for show. Unapproved products may contain ingredients that result in unacceptable residues. If it is not certain that a product is residue safe and approved for use on meat- and milk-producing animals, don't use it.
12. **Show Attire:** No attendant or other person leading animals will be allowed to enter the ring unless attired in suitable show attire.
13. **Milking Out:** Cows should not be shown with over-distended udders. The judge may require any or all cows to be milked out at time of judging in case he considers it necessary in order to make an accurate comparison of udders.
14. **Exhibitor Herd:** Shall consist of four (4) animals, any age, owned by exhibitor. Animals leased to another exhibitor may not be part of Exhibitor Herd
15. **Blocking Chutes:** A \$40 fee must be paid by entry deadline for each blocking chute to be used for **dairy cattle** during the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Each firm, farm, or family is limited to one chute for one to three animals, two chutes for four to six animals, etc. A fee of \$50 must be paid for the first chute above these limits and \$100 each for all others. A sticker will be furnished by Show Management to serve as proof of payment. Blocking chutes must have a **dairy cattle** sticker affixed to the right rear upright at eye level, and remain in designated areas, or they will be removed from the grounds.
16. Exhibitors may purchase up to two (2) additional spaces at \$20 per space (\$40 total for two extra spaces) if purchased prior to entry deadline.
17. Females that calve prior to the dates given for the breed's Fall Yearling in Milk class must show in the breed's Fall Yearling in Milk class.

JUDGING

18. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, are proved. In such cases the Show Manager, or such referee as he may appoint, may make a decision, or with his approval, the case may be appealed to the Show Commission from whose decision there can be no appeal. Overfitting of cattle will be discriminated against. Any artificial means used to change the form or shape of an animal will disqualify the animal from competition.
19. Judges shall report to the management any exhibitor or exhibitors who in any way, whether in person or by agents or servants, interfere with them during the judging or show any disrespect for them. A proper apology may be demanded from such exhibitor and his cattle may be excluded from competition and the Show Commission may withhold any premiums from such exhibitor.

JUDGING TIMES

BROWN SWISS DIVISION

Friday, January 12, 2024 -
11:00 a.m.

Judge - Emily Yeiser Stepp

GUERNSEY DIVISION

Friday, January 12, 2024 - 8:00
a.m.

Judge – Ryan Haines

HOLSTEIN DIVISION

Friday, January 12, 2024 -
10:00 a.m.

Judge - TBA

JERSEY DIVISION

Friday, January 12, 2024

11:00 a.m. Judge - Ryan Haines

AYRSHIRE DIVISION

Friday, January 12, 2024 -
8:00 a.m.

Judge – Emily Yeiser
Stepp

MILKING SHORTHORN DIVISION

Friday, January 12, 2024 - 9:30
a.m.

Judge - Ryan Haines

RED & WHITE DIVISION

Friday, January 12, 2024 – 8:00
a.m.

Judge - TBA

JUNIOR BEST THREE FEMALES

22. This group to consist of three (3) females from the heifer classes, none of which have freshened, all bred and at least one owned by the exhibitor.

BEST UDDERED COW

23. A special ribbon will be awarded for the best uddered cow in each cow class. “Championship” Best Udder - Best udder cow from each milking class eligible to compete for the Championship rosette.

PREMIER BREEDER

24. Premier breeder award will be made to the breeder of animals credited with the **most** points not to exceed six animals in the open single classes exhibited by herself/himself and/or other exhibitors. No more than two animals per class will be counted. **PREMIER BREEDER points will be allotted according to the exact prefix of each animal shown.**

PREMIER EXHIBITOR

25. Premier exhibitor award will be made to the exhibitor credited with the **most** points on six animals or fewer owned and exhibited by herself/ himself and limited to the owned and exhibited in the open single classes. No more than two animals per class will be counted.
26. Premier Awards will be based on the following point scale:

Placings 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Senior Females 20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2
Junior Females 10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

SUPREME AND JUNIOR SUPREME CHAMPION

27. Following the open shows, there will be a Parade of Champions of each of the Open and Junior seven breeds. Champions will be shown “milked out,” and from this group of animals the judges will select a Supreme Champion and Junior Supreme Champion of the Dairy Show - \$250.00 Premium and Banner (Open) and Banner (Junior)

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING AWARDS

28. The Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission offers special daily premiums to dairy cattle exhibitors who maintain the most attractive and sanitary exhibit at the 2024 Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Exhibits of five cattle or more will be scored on the following basis:

- 1. **Preparation of exhibit**
 - a. adequate bedding, bedding properly packed, level pack, straw clean and bright 10
 - b. animals attractively arranged and correctly spaced (neither too close nor too far apart) 10
 - c. decorations neat and attractive, well-planned, not too gaudy or overdone 5
 - d. appropriate animal signs displaying complete information 10
 - e. appropriate color scheme, background, show boxes, and originality 5
- 2. **Appearance and attitude of exhibitors**
 - a. knowledgeable, courteous, friendly, and able to answer questions about the exhibit and cattle 10
 - b. clothes and person neat and clean, dressed appropriately 5
- 3. **Care of the exhibit**
 - a. animals clean and well-groomed 15
 - b. aisles are clean and neat with adequate width for spectators to walk through 10
 - c. bedding clean and dry, shows evidence of frequent reworking, rear edge is neat and straight 10
 - d. feed and equipment stored neatly (out of sight if possible), equipment clean 10

Total 100

Inspections will be made unannounced. A judging committee will be selected by the Dairy Committee Chair. Exhibitors will be scored daily and their rating for the day published. Prizes will be awarded Wednesday through Friday with grand prizes for the total period.

Prizes for the best exhibitors are as follows:

DAILY PRIZES							
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
\$50	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$15

PENNSYLVANIA DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION SPECIALS

The Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association will add 100 percent to the above premiums paid by the Farm Show.

Open Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Calf/Yearling Classes	\$ 75	\$ 65	\$ 55	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 25
Jr. Best 3 Females	\$ 50	\$ 45	\$ 40	\$ 35	\$ 25	\$ 20	\$ 15	\$ 10		
Milking Classes	\$ 100	\$ 90	\$ 80	\$ 70	\$ 60	\$ 55	\$ 55	\$ 55	\$ 50	\$ 50
Supreme Champion	\$ 250									
Exhibitor's Herd - Brown Swiss/Red & White	\$ 120	\$ 100	\$ 85	\$ 70	\$ 60	\$ 50	\$ 40	\$ 30		
Exhibitor's Herd - Holstein/Jersey	\$ 120	\$ 105	\$ 95	\$ 85	\$ 75	\$ 70	\$ 65	\$ 60	\$ 55	\$ 50
Exhibitor's Herd - Ayrshire	\$ 120	\$ 105	\$ 95	\$ 85	\$ 75	\$ 65	\$ 55	\$ 45	\$ 35	\$ 30
Exhibitor's Herd - Guernsey/Milking Shorthorn	\$ 120	\$ 100	\$ 85	\$ 65	\$ 50	\$ 35				

YOUTH DIVISION CLASS

1. **Eligibility:** These classes are open to 4-H Club and FFA members. Exhibitors must have been born from **2004 through 2014** inclusive. Exhibitors must be 4-H members carrying a dairy project under the supervision of the Pennsylvania State University Agricultural Extension Service or a dues-paying FFA member carrying a dairy project under the supervision of Pennsylvania State University Agricultural and Cooperative Extension Service or a Vocational Agriculture Instructor and must be a member in good standing as defined by the state 4-H or FFA Office. No exhibitor shall be eligible who does not take entire charge and care of her/his livestock except in the case of illness or some other reason approved by the Farm Show Commission. (Does not apply to breaking calf to lead). If there is a valid reason that the exhibitor cannot show her/his animal(s), then another member who meets the requirements may show that animal(s); however, this member will not qualify for the showmanship contest.
2. **Rules:** Rules regarding health, feed, care, and sanitation will be the same in the youth division as in open classes.
3. **Entries:** Entries will be limited to five (5) animals per exhibitor. The five animals may be all 4-H, all vocational, or a combination between 4-H and FFA that add up to five. **Animals exhibited in the youth division classes must be entered and shown in open classes.** Entry in the open class must be indicated online. The regular open entry fee of \$20.00 **must accompany the registration. All Jr. Entries will automatically be registered and charged for the Open Show.** Such entries must be shown by owner or another 4-H Club member or vocational student; they cannot be shown by an adult. **Enter online.**
4. **Ownership:** No contestant shall be eligible who does not take entire care of her or his owned animals before the show. **Unless bred by exhibitor, registration certificate or transfer showing that the animal was owned in the club member's name on or before June 1 must be presented to management prior to the time of judging.** The date of sale shown on the registration certificate will be considered as the date of ownership. Partnership ownership will not be accepted. Leased animals may be exhibited at Farm Show. Existence of a lease must be verified by the home county Extension Office or school; the Extension Office or school must have the lease and/or project plan (or knowledge of the lease) recorded by June 1, 2023. Leased animals must be housed in Pennsylvania. Cows may be leased by the exhibitor only if they were previously leased as calves or yearlings. Parents, guardians, and siblings are not permitted to lease animals to their children; likewise, an exhibitor who owns dairy cattle may not lease other project animals. **At the time of check-in, exhibitors of leased animals must present a copy of a signed lease, signed project plan, or verification letter from an extension agent or teacher that the animal is a properly leased animal.**
5. **Substitutions:** Substitutions of eligible entries may be made when late elimination may have become necessary for reasons satisfactory to the management. Substitutions within a breed and within or between classes are permitted after closing date of entries. The exhibitor must submit an application for entry of the substitute animal and indicate which animal is being replaced. Applications for substitutions must be submitted to the Show Manager no later than the time entries are checked in by the breed superintendent.
6. **Caretakers:** Each club, school, or county unit must provide one caretaker for each 10 or fewer animals and make provision for her/his expenses.
7. **Safety:** Management will use care to ensure the safety of animals entered and shown but will not be responsible for any accident, loss, or damage of any animal in this show.
8. **Showing:** Animals must be shown by 4-H Club or FFA members. If the actual owner of an animal is unable to be present and show in person, another member may be permitted to show in his stead. Substitute showman must be another 4-H or FFA member the same age or younger.
9. **Awards:** Awards will be made on the merit of the animal only.

Youth Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Calf Classes	\$ 25	\$ 23	\$ 20	\$ 18	\$ 16	\$ 15	\$ 14	\$ 13	\$ 11	\$ 10
Yearling Classes	\$ 30	\$ 27	\$ 25	\$ 23	\$ 20	\$ 18	\$ 16	\$ 15	\$ 13	\$ 10
Fall Yearling/Jr. 2 Year Old	\$ 33	\$ 31	\$ 28	\$ 25	\$ 21	\$ 18	\$ 16	\$ 15	\$ 13	\$ 10
Cow Classes	\$ 40	\$ 35	\$ 30	\$ 25	\$ 20	\$ 15	\$ 13	\$ 11	\$ 10	\$ 10

JUNIOR DAIRY CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Judge - Emily Yeiser Stepp

A Junior Dairy Cattle Showmanship contest will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the Equine Arena. **The Showmanship Contest is open to those who have entered the dairy cattle show Youth Division. Contestants must show their own animal.** First and second place winners of each division will compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Showman.

- Class 2561.** Dairy Showmanship I (for Exhibitors born 2004-2006)
- Class 2562.** Dairy Showmanship II (for Exhibitors born 2007-2008)
- Class 2563.** Dairy Showmanship III (for Exhibitors born 2009-2011)
- Class 2564.** Dairy Showmanship IV (for Exhibitors born 2012-2014)
- Class 2565.** Grand Champion Dairy Cattle Showman (Plaque)
- Class 2566.** Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Cattle Showman (Rosette)

The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Dairy Cattle Showman will be eligible to compete in the Master Showmanship competition which will be held on Saturday, January 13 in the Equine Arena at 2:30 p.m.

Awards - Junior Dairy Showmanship

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
\$18 & plaque	\$15	\$13	\$11	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5

YOUTH DIVISION SPECIALS

HOLSTEIN

The Holstein Foundation offers special ribbons to the first five winners in each of the individual classes and to Champion and Reserve Champion. The Pennsylvania Holstein Association offers trophies to the exhibitor of the Champion and Reserve Champion Holstein of the Junior Show.

JERSEY

The American Jersey Cattle Association offers special ribbons for the first three winners in each individual female junior class and a rosette to Champion.

DIVISION		1		2		3		4		5		6		7		Special Award	
		Ayrshire		Brown Swiss		Guernsey		Holstein		Jersey		Milking Shorthorn		Red & White			
Class Name	Birth Date Ranges	Open	Youth	Open	Youth	Open	Youth	Open	Youth	Open	Youth	Open	Youth	Open	Youth	Open	Youth
Spring Calf	3/1/23-5/31/23	2000	2001	2100	2101	2200	2201	2300	2301	2400	2401	2500	2501	2600	2601		
Winter Calf	12/1/22-2/28/23	2002	2003	2102	2103	2202	2203	2302	2303	2402	2403	2502	2503	2602	2603		
Fall Calf	9/1/22-11/30/22	2004	2005	2104	2105	2204	2205	2304	2305	2404	2405	2504	2505	2604	2605		
Summer Yearling	6/1/22-8/31/22	2006	2007	2106	2107	2206	2207	2306	2307	2406	2407	2506	2507	2606	2607		
Spring Yearling	3/1/22-5/31/22	2008	2009	2108	2109	2208	2209	2308	2309	2408	2409	2508	2509	2608	2609		
Winter Yearling	12/1/21-2/28/22	2010	2011	2110	2111	2210	2211	2310	2311	2410	2411	2510	2511	2610	2611		
Junior Champion		2012	2013	2112	2113	2212	2213	2312	2313	2412	2413	2512	2513	2612	2613	Ribbon	Ribbon
Reserve Junior Champion		2014	2015	2114	2115	2214	2215	2314	2315	2414	2415	2514	2515	2614	2615	Ribbon	Ribbon
Jr Best Three Females		2016	2017	2116	2117	2216	2217	2316	2317	2416	2417	2516	2517	2616	2617		
MILKING CLASSES																	
Fall Yearling in Milk	9/1/21-11/30/21	2022	2023	2122	2123	2222	2223	2322	2323	2422	2423	2522	2523	2622	2623		
Jr. 2 Year Old	3/1/21-8/31/21	2024	2025	2124	2125	2224	2225	2324	2325	2424	2425	2524	2525	2624	2625		
Cow, Sr. 2 Year Old	9/1/20-2/28/21	2026	2027	2126	2127	2226	2227	2326	2327	2426	2427	2526	2527	2626	2627		
Cow, Jr. 3 Year Old	3/1/20-8/31/20	2028	2029	2128	2129	2228	2229	2328	2329	2428	2429	2528	2529	2628	2629		
Cow, Sr. 3 Year Old	9/1/19-2/28/20	2030	2031	2130	2131	2230	2231	2330	2331	2430	2431	2530	2531	2630	2631		
Cow, 4 Years	9/1/18-8/31/19	2032	2033	2132	2133	2232	2233	2332	2333	2432	2433	2532	2533	2632	2633		
Cow, 5 Years & over	Born before 9/1/18	2034	2035	2134	2135	2234	2235	2334	2335	2434	2435	2534	2535	2634	2635		
Cow, 6 & Over	Born before 9/1/17							2336	2337	2436	2437						
Champion Udder		2038		2138		2238		2338		2438		2538		2638		Rosette	
Senior Champion		2040	2041	2140	2141	2240	2241	2340	2341	2440	2441	2540	2541	2640	2641	Ribbon	Ribbon
Reserve Sr Champion		2042	2043	2142	2143	2242	2243	2342	2343	2442	2443	2542	2543	2642	2643	Ribbon	Ribbon
Grand Champion		2044	2045	2144	2145	2244	2245	2344	2345	2444	2445	2544	2545	2644	2645	Plaque	Plaque
Reserve Grand Champion		2046	2047	2146	2147	2246	2247	2346	2347	2446	2447	2546	2547	2646	2647	Rosette	Rosette
Premier Breeder		2050		2150		2250		2350		2450		2550		2650		Plaque	
Premier Exhibitor		2052		2152		2252		2352		2452		2552		2652		Plaque	
Exhibitor Herd		2054		2154		2254		2354		2454		2554		2654			
Supreme/Jr. Champion		1														Banner	Banner

ATTENTION DAIRY CATTLE EXHIBITORS

*Announcing the 12th
Pennsylvania Dairy Hall of Fame*

Presented under the auspices of the All-American Dairy Show, in conjunction with the PA Dairymen's Association and with the assistance of the dairy breed organizations across Pennsylvania.

Selection Criteria:

- 1. Must live in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or has retired from Pennsylvania*
- 2. Must be a living person at the time of selection*
- 3. Has displayed exemplary traits of character, honesty, and integrity*
- 4. Has been an accomplished leader of high purpose and action*
- 5. Has encouraged the development of youth for the future of the dairy industry*
- 6. Must be a dairy farmer; or, dairy cattle breeder; or, exhibitor of dairy cattle at agricultural expositions; or, be a person who has made a major contribution to the well-being of the dairy industry and dairy expositions in Pennsylvania*

Submit your nominee in writing. Describe in detail the qualifications and personal conduct of the nominee as per the selection criteria as listed above. Be sure to be detailed and include nominee name, address, and phone number. Also include the contact information for the person making the nomination.

***Nominations due to the All-American Dairy Show Office no later than November 1, 2023,
AADS Office, Farm Show Complex & Expo Center, 2300 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA 17110***